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<b>I support the conveyance of the KIRKSVILLE Armory to the school district</b>			



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**I am in Support of this Bill. It is Land being sold to the Kirksville School District to remain as a Public-Use.**



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Since the military is no longer using the building, rather than see the building fall into disrepair, there is a community need for the space. It would be a great place to make a community center for events, meetings, programs, etc. It would also be a good place to have a few offices if there was a need.



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I am writing to support HB 1032 for both the continued improvement of my community of Kirksville as well as the preservation of its history. It is my understanding that the State of Missouri has no long-term plans for Rieger Armory. When it was constructed in the 1930's, and for many decades thereafter, one of the primary functions of the Armory was as a community center for Kirksville. Many events were held there, from big band performances to live country music shows on KIRX radio. Unfortunately, the community's ability to use the Armory largely ended years ago. The conveyance of the Armory to local government would again ensure the community's ability to use the building to improve our community. This conveyance to local government would also ensure the Armory is maintained in perpetuity. This is especially important given the important place the Armory holds in our local history. Local government is committed to historic preservation, and seeks to not only breathe new life into the facility, but ensure it is available for the community's use for years to come. This is preservation with a purpose, and that process begins with this bill. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our state.



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Good afternoon Committee members. As the economic developer in Kirksville, Missouri, I support this legislation. As the military no longer uses the Armory building, a fear is that it will fall into disrepair or will become a place of gathering for drugs or vandalism. It is in the Kirksville community's best interest to be able to have local control of the property and to reuse it. A plan and partnership are under way to do just that and have a community center. Please support the legislation.



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I do not want see another building in Kirksville fall in decay do to neglect.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DEBI BOUGHTON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-341-1091</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>KIRKSVILLE TOURISM DIVISION</b>		TITLE: <b>KIRKSVILLE TOURISM DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>304 S. FRANKLIN</b>			
CITY: <b>KIRKSVILLE</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63501</b>
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The Kirksville Tourism Office is in support of H.B. 1032. The Rieger Armory Building in Kirksville will make a great Community Building. It is a wonderful piece of architecture, built in 1938 and designed by local architect Irwin Dunbar, as part of the WPA (Works Progress Administration). The cornerstone states it was built as an armory and community building. It will be a wonderful building for Kirksville to use with many possibilities of uses including a venue, a museum and other purposes. I, Debi Boughton, Kirksville Tourism Director, urge the committee to approve H.B. 1032.



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CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65109</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JESSICA PARKS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-341-0552</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CITY OF KIRKSVILLE</b>		TITLE: <b>CITY COUNCILMEMBER</b>	
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I am in support of this bill, as this building is a historic building that could benefit our whole community as a future community space. As a city representative, I am excited to partner with the school district to ensure this building is saved from future disrepair. Thank you!



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARI MACOMBER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-627-1225</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CITY OF KIRKSVILLE</b>		TITLE: <b>CITY MANAGER</b>	
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CITY: <b>KIRKSVILLE</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63501</b>
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In 2016, the City was contacted by State officials concerning our interest in the ownership of the Rieger Armory. Through our exploration, we learned that the Armory sits on land that occupied a former school, and that the real estate transaction between the State and our local school district had a reversionary clause. This reversionary clause returns the property to the Kirksville School District should the building no longer serve as an Armory. The building was vacated sometime in 2020, and possibly earlier. Since that initial contact in 2016, the City of Kirksville has been working to figure out what would be in the best interest of our community. After all, the City spent almost \$300,000 to raze a former school building, and is desirous of turning the Rieger Armory into a community asset, as opposed to a community burden due to potential disrepair and dilapidation as a result of its vacant status. The City and Kirksville School District have been discussing a local partnership that will benefit many. Rieger Armory has been part of our community since the late 1940s, as both an Armory and a Community Center. Instead of the building sitting vacant, it can be used by the community. If HB 1032 becomes law, the City of Kirksville would work to maintain the facility, and open the space up for use by the community.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>PHILLIP JOHN BISTON III</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-341-8567</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CITY OF KIRKSVILLE</b>		TITLE: <b>KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL</b>	
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I believe that the armory and community center will give the city of Kirksville a great opportunity to repurpose the building and be able to provide recreational and educational activities to our citizens of all ages.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ROBERT WEBB</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-665-8658</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>KIRKSVILLE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>		TITLE: <b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>	
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Kirksville R-III School District is hopeful of passage for this bill. Upon conveyance of this building back to the School District, the District will enter an agreement with the City of Kirksville for them to utilize this building for its purposes. In exchange the District will benefit from some property infrastructure work, to be performed by the City, on other property owned the District. This infrastructure work is for the development of home lots upon which our student Construction Trades class will build high quality homes for sale to consumers. The Construction Trades program has been very successful over many years, but now faces a difficult challenge in finding and purchasing appropriate home sites. This Bill will pave the way for that program to continue for at least the next 15 years because of the exchange of the armory for the services of the City of Kirksville. I strongly urge passage of this bill for the benefit of many students and families in the Kirksville area.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RODNEY SADLER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CITY OF KIRKSVILLE</b>		TITLE: <b>PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR</b>	
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CITY: <b>KIRKSVILLE</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63501</b>
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My name is Rodney Sadler, and I serve as the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Kirksville. I would like to submit a brief statement in support of HB 1032. The property described in HB 1032, the Rieger Armory, has served the community of Kirksville as both an armory and community building since the time it was constructed in 1948. Through the years, there have been many events such as dances, craft shows, and other community gatherings in the large open portion of the drill floor. In recent years, the Missouri National Guard occupied the building in some office space on the main floor, but they have recently vacated the building. Rather than witness this building sit unused, the transfer of the property to the Kirksville R-III School District will allow community partners, such as the City of Kirksville, to utilize the building for community programming once again. The Kirksville community has a lack of indoor recreation opportunities at this time, and we now have an opportunity to utilize the Rieger Armory for one of its original intended purposes, as a community building, once again. Thank you for the opportunity to present my statement



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SANDRA WILLIAMS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-665-3766</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>KIRKSVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>		TITLE: <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
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CITY: <b>KIRKSVILLE</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63501</b>
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I am in support of the passage of HB 1032, conveyance of the state property, as presented by Representative Danny Busick. If disposed, this property, known as the Armory in Kirksville, MO, would allow it's use by our community. As a life-long member of the community I am familiar with the building and have attended several events at that location throughout the years. I believe the community could continue to maintain and use it for many years to come, making it an asset to our community



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WITNESS NAME: <b>TRICIA REGER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-665-7774</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>KIRKSVILLE R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>		TITLE: <b>ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>1901 EAST HAMILTON</b>			
CITY: <b>KIRKSVILLE</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63501</b>
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I request your approval of HB 1032. I am the assistant superintendent at Kirksville R-III School District. We have been working with plans for the property known as the Rieger Armory for some time, so as to benefit our District, our students and our community. Until this property is released we can not proceed with any planning. In the meantime this building sits unoccupied and very underutilized. All community partners involved are very supportive of this building going back to the Kirksville R-III School District as intended. Many great conversations have already been happening in regards to how this building can benefit many and the partnerships that it can strengthen. This building has great potential. Once this building has been fully transferred we intend to act quickly to ensure the building benefits as many in our community as possible.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ZAC BURDEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-627-1224</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CITY OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI</b>		TITLE: <b>MAYOR, CITY OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI</b>	
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CITY: <b>KIRKSVILLE</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63501</b>
EMAIL: <b>zburden@kirksvillecity.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/22/2021 7:30 PM</b>	
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HB 1032 provides a unique opportunity for the people of Kirksville and northeast Missouri. The Rieger Armory and Community Center is a storied building in our town and region. It has hosted everything from tearful sendoffs and joyful welcomes home to countless dances, benefits, and other community events. With the Missouri National Guard vacating the building and successful passage of this bill, the building and land would return to the original deed holder: the Kirksville R-III School District. The school district has no need for the building, and the City of Kirksville does not want to see such a large and important building fall into disrepair and become an unusable eyesore. An exchange has been proposed that would benefit the whole community. In return for the school district giving the armory to the city for use as a community center, the city will provide infrastructure on undeveloped land that the vocational-technical students can use to continue building homes. Too often we have seen historic buildings like this one become shells of their former selves and ultimately be torn down at taxpayer expense. With your support of HB 1032, you can help to ensure this building stands for decades to come, that seniors and children have a place to hold activities, and that vo-tech students continue to develop their skills. Your support would mean so much to the people of Kirksville. I appreciate your consideration of this bill. I recognize that your schedule likely prevents from visiting Kirksville on this matter before it is voted on. If in the future you find yourself in northeast Missouri and would like to see all the good that will come from your passage of this bill, I would be honored to show you around. I am confident that Representative Busick can answer any questions you have, but do feel free to speak with administrative staff at Kirksville City Hall (660-627-1224). We would be happy to speak with you. Thank you, Zac Burden Mayor, City of Kirksville, Missouri